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Tourism Tales from My Haliburton Highlands

HERE WE Are at the beginning of autumn and there is much to talk about.

We recently wrapped up the 21st annual Hike Haliburton Festival, which took place all across the county from Sept. 19 to 22. Thank you to all the volunteers, hosts and people behind the scenes who helped make this annual event a success! We are so grateful to you.

As we enjoy the brilliant colours of October, I wanted to look ahead to some important items and events happening in Haliburton County this month and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MAT public engagement sessions this summer and/or who filled out a survey about it. We heard from a wide variety of representatives and have been busy compiling the information and feedback. If you would still like to submit your feedback, please feel free to do so by emailing: aingram@haliburtoncounty.ca.

ANGELICA INGRAM
My Haliburton Highlands

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce's Community and Business Achievement Awards is happening this month on Oct. 25 at the Haliburton Legion. This annual event is an opportunity to showcase and highlight community and business excellence and celebrate the businesses, not-for-profits, individuals and organizations that make the Haliburton Highlands a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

Tickets are now on sale for the gala event on Oct. 25, where award winners will be announced. To purchase tickets, visit haliburtoncc.awardify.io/awards-gala.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has announced a new grant for not-for-profits and other groups. The Grow grant aims to help projects increase their impact with funding provided over two to three years. Applications for the grant open on Oct. 9 and are open until Nov. 6, 2024. More information, including how to apply and eligibility can be found by visiting otf.ca.

The County of Haliburton is hosting a Housing Summit on Oct. 24 in Minden in partnership with Places For People and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Come on out to hear about how other areas are addressing the housing crisis, particularly around creating the housing our workforce needs. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre. To register for the summit email: fay@placesforpeople.ca.

If you have an event or something coming up you would like to promote, never hesitate to drop us an email at info@haliburtonhighlands.com or give us a call at 1-800-461-7677. And be sure to check out myhaliburtonhighlands.com for our calendar of events filled with information about what is happening in our beautiful county. You can also follow us on social media by searching My Haliburton Highlands.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon I wanted to express my thanks to all the visitors and tourism partners in our region for making this county a wonderful place to visit and live. I am thankful for you in every season.

Happy fall.

MY Haliburton HIGHLANDS

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RICK WHITTEKER
Special to *County Life*

If you plan to spend time outside day tripping or camping in the future, consider learning the principles of Leave No Trace (LNT). Originally developed for wilderness settings, the seven LNT principles are relevant to any kind of outdoor travel and suited for almost any outdoor recreation activity. These principles outline the practices and techniques that will help protect the outdoor destinations we love.

This topic is fresh in my mind after spending a day with Grade 4s and 5s at the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Attracting an average of 400 students each day, this wonderful two-day event is full of learning energy about water. I facilitated an activity centre called Tread Lightly; the learning outcomes of this centre are based on the principals of Leave No Trace.

I set up a simulated campsite with a large, blue tarp representing a lake. Other props included a tent, cook stove, fire circle, cooler, tripping barrel, trowel and toilet paper, dishwashing bin with dishes and soap, deer antlers and a portable speaker amongst other campsite items. The intention was to engage kids in conversation about the best environmental practices when camping based on the seven principles below.

Principle number one is plan and prepare. Simple steps like repackaging your food in reusable containers can help minimize the potential for accidental litter.

Proper environmental camping practices will help leave these beautiful areas in their natural state for all to enjoy. /Submitted by Rick Whitteker

Further steps you can take include planning for unexpected weather changes, know your route, bring along a map and compass and know how to use them. These steps will reduce the chance of having to employ any emergency personnel to assist when proper planning is overlooked.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces encourages outdoor travellers to avoid sensitive environments when

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outdoors. Examples of principle number two could include picnicking on rocks or other hard surfaces, camping only in designated areas and hiking single file down the middle of the trail to avoid widening the trail in the effort to avoid muddy sections. Placing a tent right beside the lake (or tarp at my simulated campsite) opened the conversation with students about the importance and sensitivity of shoreline vegetation.

A common mantra in all natural areas is pack it in, pack it out. Dispose of your waste properly is principle three. There is nothing more discouraging than arriving at your campsite only to find other people's litter strewn about. Even organic waste, like orange peels, can take up to six months to decompose, so pack them out. Buried organics will likely just be dug up by wildlife. The kids knew litter was bad but had no idea how long it takes for organic and non-organic waste to break down into soil. For example, it can take a plastic bag more than 200 years to break down!

There are no facilities, only "facilitrees" is a fun play on words related to camping in the backcountry, this comment drew a few blank looks from kids and smiles from supervising adults. Using it as a segue into a discussion on waste, conversation about the delicate subject of human waste with 10-year-olds is interesting! The youngsters easily labelled the "gross" factor of not burying your solid waste properly. I demonstrated and explained that the best practice is to bury your waste and toilet paper at least 10 to15 centimeters deep and 60 paces from any campsite or water body. Cover and camouflage. If washing dishes, do this away from water sources; even biodegradable soap needs the organisms found in soil to properly break down.

One student stated, "my dad washes himself with soap and dives into the lake when camping!" I asked everyone what an alternative might be. They were able to identify that rinsing off up on shore away from the lake was a better solution. My bet is that there is a dad out there that has received a scolding from his daughter recently!

While a campsite fire is a timeless tradition, cooking can also be done on small, portable stoves. Minimizing fire impacts, principle four, suggests keeping your fires small and make sure they are saturated with water before turning in for the night. Burn carbon responsibly was my message. Furthermore, wood collected from the forest takes nutrients away from future plant growth. I emphasized to the students that the backcountry is not the place for bonfires!

Leave what you find, principle five, recommends that anything found in nature should stay in nature. This doesn't have to be taken too literally but keep in mind it is illegal to take moose, deer or elk antlers out of national parks. The deer antler on my simulated campsite drew a lot of attention and gave me a chance to explain that the calcium in antlers provide a food source for mice, squirrels and porcupines. They are also interesting and educational for others to find.

Respect wildlife, principle six, recommends not feeding wildlife as this can create a dependence on human food and, even a small critter like a chipmunk can become a nuisance to future campers. Certain human foods can also harm the health of wildlife. For the learning centre at Kinark, I brought a cooler and a food barrel and discussed the advantage of bringing a sealed container for your food while camping.

Finally, be considerate to others. The sounds of nature are usually subtle and often it is the quiet that is most desired on backcountry camping trips. Listening to someone else's music or any excessive noise can take away from other's experience.

Learning these environmental camping guidelines when young is important and this draws me to volunteering at the water festival every year. Ultimately, what is important is to get outside and enjoy the rejuvenating nature of the outdoor environment. If we do this responsibly, following the principles of Leave No Trace (www.leavenotrace.ca), we can care for wildlife and still protect the beautiful natural areas that we love.

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KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

In Canada, the month of October is recognized as Women's History Month. In many other parts of the world, Women's History is celebrated in March (the month of International Women's Day), but October was chosen here due to Oct. 18 being Persons Day. The Persons Case of 1927 raised the question of women not being included in the term "persons" according to the British North America Act. The wording of the Act, referring to one individual as "he" and multiple individuals as "persons" meant that some saw grounds for excluding women from being able to serve in such public offices as the Senate. The original wording was upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada, but the case was appealed all the way to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain – at that time Canada's highest court of appeal. Finally, on October 18th, 1929, Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain declared that court's decision that the word "person" did indeed and would indeed include women. He was quoted as saying, "And to those who would ask why the word "person" should include females, the obvious answer is, why should it not?"

While this was a landmark case which paved the way for many improvements in the nearly one hundred years between then and now, Women's History Month also always finds me thinking about the lives and stories of those women who came before. The history of the Haliburton Highlands is filled with strong, creative and resourceful women, but their stories have often been under-told, simply because of the eras in which they lived, the opportunities which were seen as being open to them at the time, and the records of the period. Many of these women travelled long distances, carved out new homes far from friends and family, raised their own families and contributed to the community in a wide range of ways. Some made a name for themselves as practical nurses and midwives at a time when professional medical aid might be miles away, while others took positions in local schools, helping to educate the next generation. Some went into business, running boarding houses and even hotels to help support their families. Others made a difference by contributing to their local church and helping their neighbours. While these women likely saw themselves as simply living their lives, there is something in their stories which is quite incredible.

These sorts of incredible stories can be found everywhere we look, so I hope that this Women's History Month, you'll take some time to explore them, including ones from your own family history. Just recently, I was thinking about my great-grandmother, who travelled across the Atlantic with two pre-teen girls and a toddler (my grandmother) in tow. She was coming to meet my great-grandfather who had made the journey earlier, along with their eldest daughter. Was she excited? Nervous? Perhaps just exhausted after crossing an ocean with a toddler? When the ship docked and my great-grandmother was asked the purpose of their trip, she wrote simply, "To make my home." Contained in these words are so many emotions and the beginning of the new chapter for my great-grandmother and her family. While women's history can sometimes come to us in mere snippets, those snippets give us glimpses into stories which are rich, remarkable and deserve to be told in a more fulsome way wherever we can.

Top 10 reasons geese fly in vees

THIS IS that wonderful time of year where we get to see and hear migrating geese travel south. But have you ever wondered why they always seem to fly in a vee? Here are the top 10 reasons.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Greater risk of rear end collisions in single file.
2. Cursive S formation too complicated.
3. If they run into a big invisible wall, the trailing geese still have a chance to hit the brakes.
4. Saves everyone in the flock from flying into goose farts.
5. They're proud of their limited knowledge of the alphabet.
6. They can close their eyes and follow the smell of goose armpits.
7. They're suckers for stereotypes.
8. The guy up front thinks he is boss while he is actually just the first goose in range.
9. They used to fly in an L formation until they realized it stood for loser.
10. Super fans of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

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Flight

Trees, molting leaves, floating through Air, light as feathers,
untethered from their branches, breaths of Wind blowing them over the road,
passing other leaves on their flight, their faces, catching afternoon light, gleaming bronze and gold and crimson,
as the trees flanking the road, sway, their branches fraying more each day,
my eyes following the flight of a gold leaf, fluttering higher and higher towards the blue ceiling of Sky,
wisps of clouds shaped like feathers and wings, drifting up there, as I crane my neck up,
watching them change,
Wind carrying the gold leaf over the tops of trees, beyond where my eyes can see,
knowing only that a Lake sprawls beyond the slope of trees, and maybe Wind will hurl the leaf towards it,
and it will land somewhere on the shore, amongst the pebbles and feathers, stranded on the water's edge,
far from its tree, that flails on the side of the road, as Wind cleaves leaves from its branches,
arching over the road,
skimming the branches of trees slouching on the other side, the edges of their leaves, touching,
before they're seized by Wind to twirl through Air, passing one another,
sharing the same plight of not knowing where they will land, as I stand here on the side of the road,
pausing amongst the birches, to watch the leaves' flight, painting Air with their faces,
a crimson leaf landing at my feet, the faintest scraping of a sound, as I hear it land,
picking it up off the road, twirling the stem between my fingers, inhaling the smell of freshly fallen leaf,
tracing its veins that bleed green across its face, that spans the palm of my hand,
feeling cool and smooth, its edges barely beginning to curl, and I wonder why this leaf fell before the others,
still fluttering up there, in the maple tree, in shades of rust and crimson, some, still green,
their stems clinging, as wind weaves through their branches, snatching leaves in its way.
I lay the leaf down amongst other fallen leaves, bleeding on the side of the road,
landing not far from the trunk of its tree, its
roots slithering beneath the earth, maybe directly beneath it,
while other leaves are carried away, my eyes rising from the ground, fluttering back up towards the tops of trees,
to watch the flight of leaves, twirling through Air, a copper one catching my eye,
fluttering higher and higher up towards Sky, where a cloud shaped like a wing is withering to a feather,
'till it's barely there, only the fleck of copper leaf, swirling through blue Air.

Sylvie Kalenda

Take a Hike!

St. Nora Lake at the Frost Centre provides the backdrop for hikes all year round. /Submitted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Explore your inner hiker part two. Check out some of the very best parks and trails right here in Haliburton County. The below information comes courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Tourist Information Centre.

Ridge Trail Hiking Network

This trail network has something for all levels of skill and ability. This network of trails includes; Log Chute Trail, Crests of Kennisis, Circuit of Five Viewpoints, Algonquin Highlands Ridge Trail, Alven Ferguson Trail, James Cooper Lookout Trail and Beech River Trail

Length: Over 23.5 km combined – ranging from 0.7 k m to 8 km

Difficulty: Easy Moderate Challenging

Features: Lookouts, heritage and nature at its best

Access: Multiple access points, please see map running ridge trail with cutline)

Frost Centre Hiking Trails

A number of stacked loops totaling 11 km meander through the forest adjacent to St. Nora Lake. This trail system offers a little bit of everything, from millennia old geological formations that give insight into the last significant ice age, to large bogs, towering cliff faces, mixed forests, challenging climbs and spectacular lookouts. Be sure to pack lunch and your camera because you can spend an entire day exploring these trails.

Length: 1 to 11 km stacked loop

Difficulty: Easy

Features: Geomorphology Self-guided Hikes

Access: 20130 Highway 35 North – 12km south of the Town of Dorset.

Glebe Park and The Haliburton Sculpture Forest

On the north shore of Head Lake in the village of Haliburton, Glebe Park is 175 acres of woodlands and rolling hills with networks of trails for walking, mountain-biking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. It is also a great place to engage with art, culture and heritage. Glebe Park is home to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton Sculpture Forest and Fleming College, Haliburton School of Art + Design.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Features: Arts and Heritage

Access: Glebe Park has two entrances: 297 College Drive, Haliburton and/or 66 Museum Road, Haliburton

(Photo filed Sculpture forest 1 with cutline)

Head Lake Trail and Drag River Trail

This community based trail travels around Head Lake exposing walkers to a variety of scenery around Haliburton.

Difficulty: Easy Moderate

Access: Anywhere in Haliburton Village

The Mansfield family enjoy a hike through the Bawaajigan display at the Haliburton Sculpture forest. /FILE

Haliburton Forest Hiking Trails

Haliburton Forest is full of variety and the hiking trails are no exception. The 300 kilometres of trails make Haliburton Forest an ideal destination for three-season hiking vacations – you never have to explore the same trail twice. Stay overnight and walk as many routes as you can!

Length: over 300 km

Difficulty: Easy Moderate

Features: Wolf Centre

Access: 1305 Redkenn Road, Haliburton

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Take a Hike!

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Sir Sam's Historical Interpretive Hiking Trail

Hike this scenic trail to the top of the hill to see remnants of what was once apple orchards and wheat fields while learning of the history of Sir Sam Hughes, Glenn Eagle Estate and the history and development of the ski hill. Cost is $5.00 per hiker at honour box.

Length: 4+ km

Difficulty: Moderate

Features: Panoramic view over Eagle and Moose lakes

Access: 1054 Liswood Rd. Eagle Lake; access off parking lot at main chalet only

Farr Road Walking Trail

You may notice remnants of old pavement under foot. While this forgotten roadbed does eventually connect up with the existing highway just south of town your efforts to follow it through will be thwarted when the road abruptly disappears under a scenic wetland. Before turning back take a moment to admire the massive beaver dam that created the marsh and marvel at the engineering skills of this energetic family of beavers.

If you happen to be a geocacher, there are geocaches hidden along this trail.

Length: Approximately 600 m each way

Difficulty: Easy

Prospector Trail

The Prospector Trail Loop is a trail with a tale of prospectors and miners who came in the 1920s to 1950s for molybdenite and flourite and discovered uraninite; the richest ore of radium. The route encompasses long abandoned mine sites such as the Harcourt Graphite mine, the Dwyer, Schickler, Tripp and Clark mines; long lost to the undergrowth. Take time to explore the rock cuts on the Old Burleigh Road and the I.B.&O. for black Tourmaline, blue Apatite and deep purple Flourite

Length: Approximately 18 km

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Features: Red Cross Outpost, Mumford Road Mineral Collection Site and Geocaching

Access: Trail Head located in Wilberforce and Harcourt.

Wilberforce Outpost /FILE

The Minden Boardwalk is a fully accessible, easy trail that also permits bicycles. /Emily Stonehouse Staff.

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The ecological significance of the Dahl Forest is evident in the diversity of species and habitats found there. /Submitted

Minden White Water Preserve. /KAREN LONDON Staff

Minden Boardwalk

Main entrance and parking at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, this boardwalk takes you through a natural grass marsh with the option of continuing to the Minden Ball Diamonds or on to intercept the Riverwalk, creating a lovely loop to include downtown Minden.

Length: Approximately 0.4 km
Difficulty: Easy
Features: Fully accessible and permits bicycles
Access: Entrance is at the Cultural Centre on Bobcaygeon Road

Harrington Park and Minden Whitewater Preserve

Located on Horseshoe Lake Road, this Park allows visitors to view the spectacular beauty of the Minden Whitewater Preserve and rapids. This park features a footpath along the rapids which offer great vantage points to watch the many kayaking activities that take place here.

Length: Approximately 0.5 km
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Features: Spectacular view of the rapids
Access: South of Horseshoe Lake Road/Bethel Road intersection

Dahl Forest

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Dahl Forest is approximately 500 acres and straddles 2.7 km of the Burnt River in Haliburton County, approximately 5 km south of Gelert.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Features: Nature and conservation planning
Access: 1307 Geeza Rd, off of Gelert Rd/County Rd 1 just 5 km south of Gelert

Beetle Lake Trail

Hike through an active beaver pond, bog, hardwood hills and primary growth forest to a stunning lookout of Oxtongue Lake. Because of the varied and open forest types, this area provides one of the best opportunities in the Highlands for spotting many of Central Ontario's best known bird and wildlife species such as moose, deer, otter, beaver, snowshoe hare, red-tailed hawk, barred owl and ruffed grouse, just to name a few.

Length: Approximately 5 km loop
Difficulty: Easy
Features: Close to Algonquin Park
Access: 1035 Algonquin Outfitters Road, Dwight – This road goes north off of Highway 60 just west of the Algonquin Park West Gate

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TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Creative Collaborations
When: Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church. 617 Mountain Street
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When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street
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Fall's rhythms, ba-da-bing, ba-da-boom, ba-da-bang

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

DEAR READER,

A keto diet, a vegetarian diet, a vegan diet, food allergies, doctor's orders, it's a wonder we can all come together at the same table to stuff our faces with good homemade cooking, don'tcha know. Friends and family gathering together to celebrate a birthday, a life, a promotion, an anniversary, retirement, and right there on the horizon – Thanksgiving, don'tcha know.

We'll figure it out. We always do. And as we get older, and there are even more things we can and cannot eat, we also offer an aspirin for the headache it creates.

Now, ol' Maybelle is on the hunt for whole cranberries for my orange zest and cran sauce that makes any main dish taste better. So, if you see any in or around Lake WhaddayathinkImean, do let me know, pleeeeese.

If you haven't noticed, daily rhythms are changing. It's getting darker earlier. The lifespan of our veggie garden is ending. Napping is becoming a thing to *do*. Why, Bogart my bear, is napping with his headphones on smack dab in the middle of the afternoon, don'tcha know. He's trying to learn French.

And the leaves – that rustling sound you only hear this time of year. A shimmering, swooshing sound that has its own smell, too. That conjures up memories of camp-outs, teenage crushes, and stories told while eating s'mores made with marshmallows and melted chocolate.

As for my own rhythms. Why, summer would get me up before my hens, talking to the sun like an old friend. "Hellooooooooooo, again. Another beautiful day in paradise. Have I told you lately that I love you?" Oh yes, the sun and ol' Maybelle are BFFs (Best Friends Forever). So, I'm extremely aware that now, with fall here, it has become more and more shy, hiding behind clouds and the rhythmic sounds of rain.

Now, I don't care if people are watching – I kick the leaves on the walking paths like I did as a child. Guess, that child is still alive in me and kicking.

Then there's the rhythm of life, of human life. Of birth and death. Of welcoming newborns and saying goodbye to beloveds who die.

Why, if ol' Maybelle didn't just lose one of my oldest friends just the other day – Arnie Beachem, don'tcha know. Why he was sooo sweet, you risked getting diabetes just being around him. Arnie's passing shocked all of us who went all the way back to grammar school with him, and just saw him last week, at Sybil Beaucannon Hughes' 85th birthday celebration. And if he didn't look the spitting image of good health, don'tcha know.

Then, just three days later, his sister, Ethel, contacted us to let us know that Arnie had passed in his sleep. The rhythm of life continued with a beat that none of us wanted or were prepared to hear or feel. Now, although passing in the comfort of your own bed may have been a blessing for Arnie, it hit those of us left behind like an unwelcomed bass drum.

It's a tapestry, don'tcha know. A pulsating lifeline weaving its way through all that we are, all that we do, all that we see, share, care about and love. That's just the way it is, dear Reader, with all of its complexity and colours. Repetition makes some things easier. Losing treasured friends is not one of them.

And the beat goes on.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories, and "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon" (a novel) is now available at www.amazon.com.

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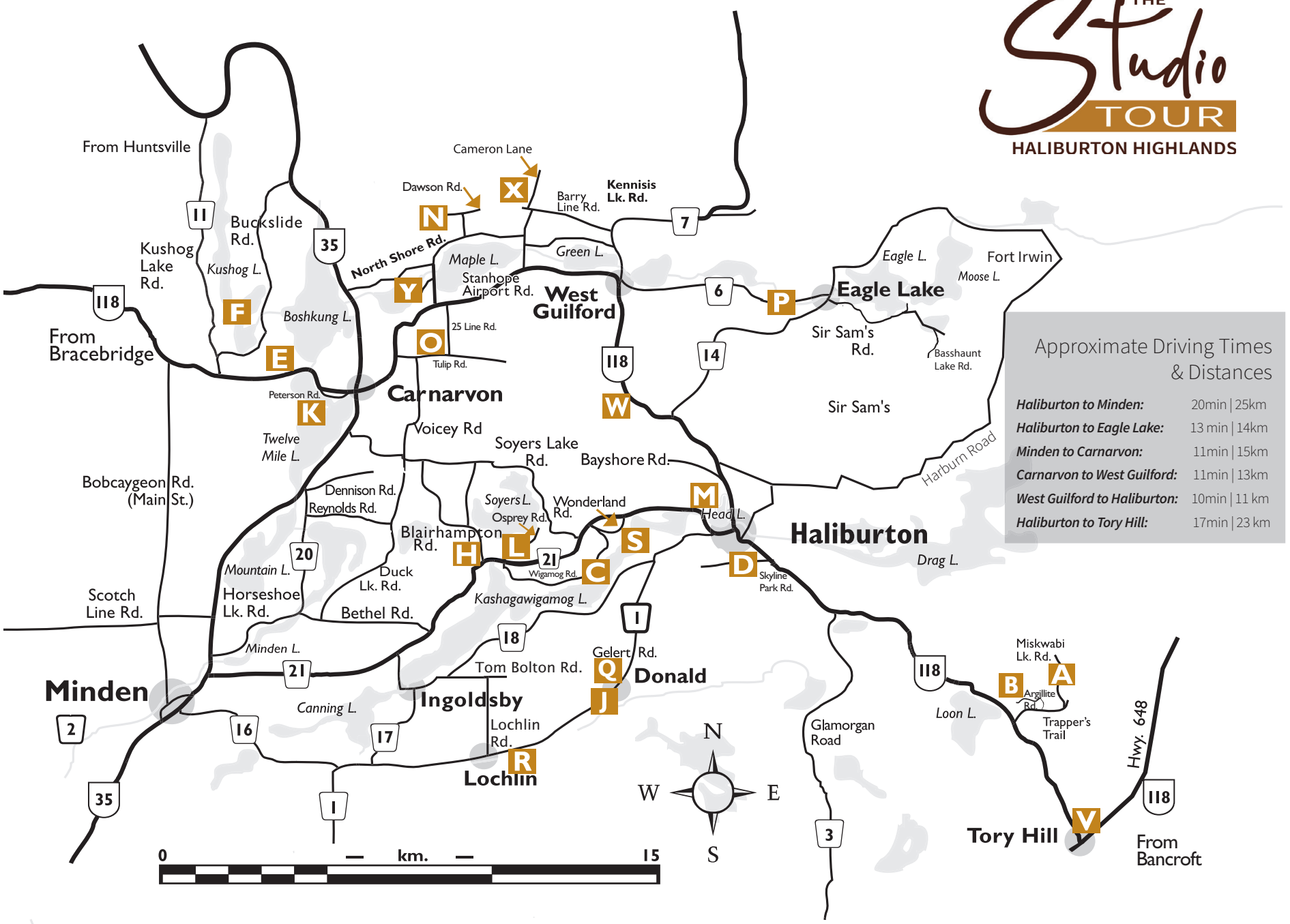

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Ontario's Highlands featured in list of 100 travel innovations

World Tourism Day (Sept. 27) marked the launch of 100 Travel Innovations , a collection of stories from 100 places around the world about the programs and activities happening right now to improve our lives – environmentally, economically and socially.

As a sponsor of 100 Travel Innovations, the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) supports the drive to ensure travel makes the world a better place. OHTO's spotlight for the event is found under the category of Responsible Tourism, and features Haliburton Bike Share, a Haliburton Rotary Club project investment to purchase six, seven-speed bicycles, docking rack, and accessories for Haliburton visitors to borrow at no cost.

We know we need to change how we live our lives – in the day to day and on special occasions. Some of our most memorable occasions happen as we travel and experience new places. The industry that makes tourism possible is uniquely positioned to connect people and new perspectives, and it bears a profound responsibility to innovate and lead by example.

OHTO's Wander Sustainably approach to tourism focuses on supporting and growing the community and culture, while protecting the environment and its ecosystems. Wander Sustainably encourages visitors to consider travel planning from a new perspective and consciously seek out experience providers who care about how they impact their community and environment.

This launch includes the first 100 innovations addressing biodiversity, climate resilience, cultural preservation, community prosperity, equality, modernization, responsible tourism and job creation. The collection will grow with more ideas to inform and inspire everyone who travels or wants to make meaningful changes at home.

"We are honoured to be one of the first 100 destinations to contribute to this global initiative to raise awareness of not only the important role tourism plays in building a sustainable future, but also that change doesn't have to be a big scary undertaking. The small steps we take in our communities collectively make a profound difference," said Nicole Whiting, executive director of OHTO

Destination Think is proud to produce 100 Travel Innovations with support from Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and all other sponsors. This collection was carefully evaluated and selected by Destination Think's editorial team in collaboration with Todd Montgomery, professor at Oregon State University and director of the Sustainable Tourism Lab.

To learn more about innovations happening at OHTO, go to: www.ohto.ca.

About OHTO

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) is a not-for-profit organization mandated and funded by the province of Ontario to support tourism within the counties of Haliburton, Lanark, and Renfrew and portions of Frontenac, Hastings, and Lennox and Addington. Find out more at www.ohto.ca.

Submitted

Rock the Dock creates wave of generosity

This year's Rock on the Dock had over 125 boats. Thanks to great music by Tim Magwood and the Riffers. The money was raised by a paddle boat collecting fund and online. This year, an anonymous donator boosted our donation to SIRCH Community Services to $14,600. The organizers would like to thank everyone that donated to a great cause. /Submitted

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What's happening this fall at Point in Time?

We are continuing to offer mental health and counselling supports in person at our offices or the Youth Hub, virtually via zoom or by phone. Point in Time office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments are available as needed after hours as well.

The Youth Wellness Hub is open to youth aged 12 to 25 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 8 p.m., and the second Saturday of every month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please check Monday and Saturdays opening hours as they vary.

We offer Quick Access Clinics where individuals or families can be seen quickly by calling or texting 705-457-5345 to set up an appointment.

We are open for crisis calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and work with another agency, 310 COPE, to provide after hours coverage. We work together to ensure around-the-clock crisis supports. For after hours crisis support, please call or text 310-COPE at 1-855-310-2673.

Home Alone program

The Family Support Team will be running a Home Alone program for Children aged 10 plus on Oct. 28. This workshop will equip your child with the skills they need to feel confident and secure when spending a few hours at home alone. Contact Kaila Sisson, Family Support Worker, at kailas@pointintime.ca to register.

Early Intervention update

Infant Massage with Point in Time and Early ON is coming back in November. Check back at the Point in Time website at the end of October for details. www.pointintime.ca.

Youth Hub update

The Youth Hub is busy planning fall programming, with help from community partners. Check out our full list of activity offerings for October on instagram @halicountyyouthhub. Don't forget to check out our Haunted House at the Youth Hub on Oct. 31 from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Drop-in

Drop-ins at the Youth Hub are currently running Tuesday 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays 3:30 to 7 p.m., and we have a Friday drop-in for youth aged 12 to 15 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please call or text to let us know you are coming as space is limited 705-457-2727.

G1 study group

Megan Havill, Youth Wellness Hub Individual Placement and Support Worker, will be starting a G1 study group for youth, reoccurring weekly for the month of October from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.. Please contact Megan at meganh@pointintime.ca for address and details.

Accreditation and Quality Assurance update

Point in Time staff are busy preparing for the Canadian Centre for Accreditation site visit this month! Staff have been engaged in the accreditation self-assessment process over the past four years that included overview training and practice days to prepare for our site visits and interviews in October. Point In Time began the process of accreditation in 2012 with their first formal Child and Youth Mental Health and Youth Justice accredited status in 2016. This will be our fourth accreditation review and we are looking forward to positive results.

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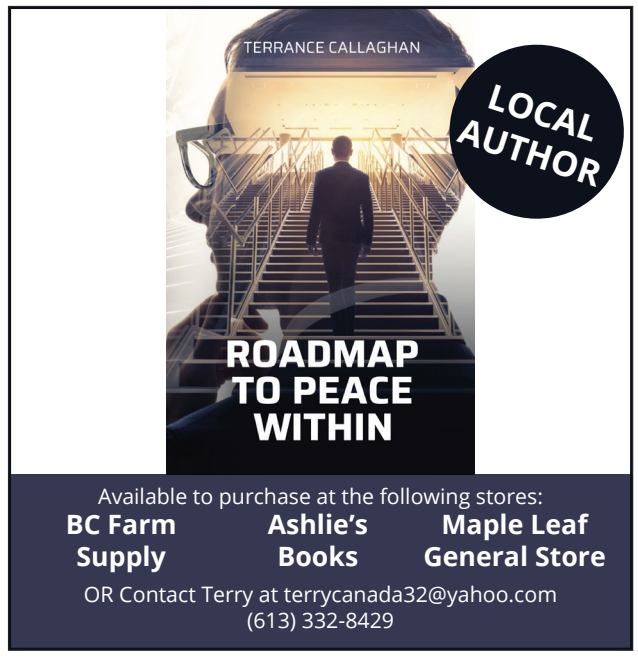

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Freefalling

I thought it was squirrels, or rustling of bear
But scats or a paw-print weren't found anywhere
Though moose aren't uncommon, and foxes sneak by
My guesses stay thwarted: there's something awry

Not night frogs who squeak from their puddle or tree
Nor chirping of crickets, sweet music for free
I know every regular forest-type sound
So what else awakens me in this campground?

With headlamp bravado I creep from the tent
My weary incentive must be heaven-sent
There aren't any rodents, raccoons rarely show
Whatever keeps crackling: *come out and show!*

Ten sweeps with my flashlight,ten gulps and ten blinks
My eyelids so heavy, I crave forty winks
Yet still I'm confounded and haven't a clue
Until I peer upward and spot something new

My ears are on target, those noises are real
And now I've discerned them, it's not a big deal
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Top teams, Rodco Enterprise, Hudson Henderson Insurance, Mill House Design, Linda Baumgartner RE/MAX Professionals North, Cedar Winds and Muskoka Rock Company, Hodgkinson Enterprise Ltd., and Near North Supply. The winner of the putting competition with a hole-in-one was Matt Lalonde and second place went to Cathy Bagg with a close 11 inches away. The Men's longest drive was once again won by Colin Morrison and closest to the pin was Eric Treble. The Ladies' longest drive was Gail Kent and the closest to the pin was Linda Baumgartner.

The HCHBA will be making their annual donation to the foodbanks as soon as all calculations are complete. Thank you to all who made the day a success.

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Where: Located in front of the historic caboose in Head Lake park
Haliburton's Bike Share program brought to you by Haliburton Rotary and sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters. The bike share program allows you to borrow a bike for up to 3 hours, absolutely free. All you need to get started is a smart phone and a credit card for security purposes

Mountain Biking
Where: Glebe Park, Access from HWY 118 VIA Bayshore Road to Museum Road. The Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club has developed a network of single track trails that, combined with existing double track trails, offer over 10 km of riding. Trails start at Glebe Park Haliburton Sculpture Forest and are open for members or day users with purchase of trail pass.

Haliburton Sculpture Forest
When: Open year round
Where: 297 College Dr
The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is an outdoor collection of sculptures located in Glebe Park near the village of Haliburton. It is operated by the non-profit organization Haliburton Sculpture Forest et al.

Burner Herzog: An Exhibit by Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward
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Farmers Market - Minden
When: Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Village, off Milne and Prince St.
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Robert Mackenzie takes a shot at the disc golf basket at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. /FILE

Highlands resident Greg Shantz rides up a climb, passing by another rider at the Glebe Park mountain bike trails in Haliburton. /FILE

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Minden Artisan Market shopping

When: Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Minden Village, off Milne and Prince St.

Local handmade items: textiles, jewellery, wood products, photography and more.

Thanksgiving Festival and Open House hosted at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike

Scenic Chairlift Rides (tickets available for purchase in-person only) Vendor Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Face Painting from 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 3 p.m. Live Music from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ski Swap at DelanSKI. Winter Season Pass Sale and more. Face Painting Costs: $5, cheek art and $10, full face Sir Sam's is sponsoring balloon animals, which are free.

Open Stage - featuring Brian Wride Hosted at the Haliburton Legion

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Saturday, Oct. 12 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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The Studio Tour hosted at studios throughout the Haliburton Highlands

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Arts and Craft show

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. located at the Dorset Recreation Centre

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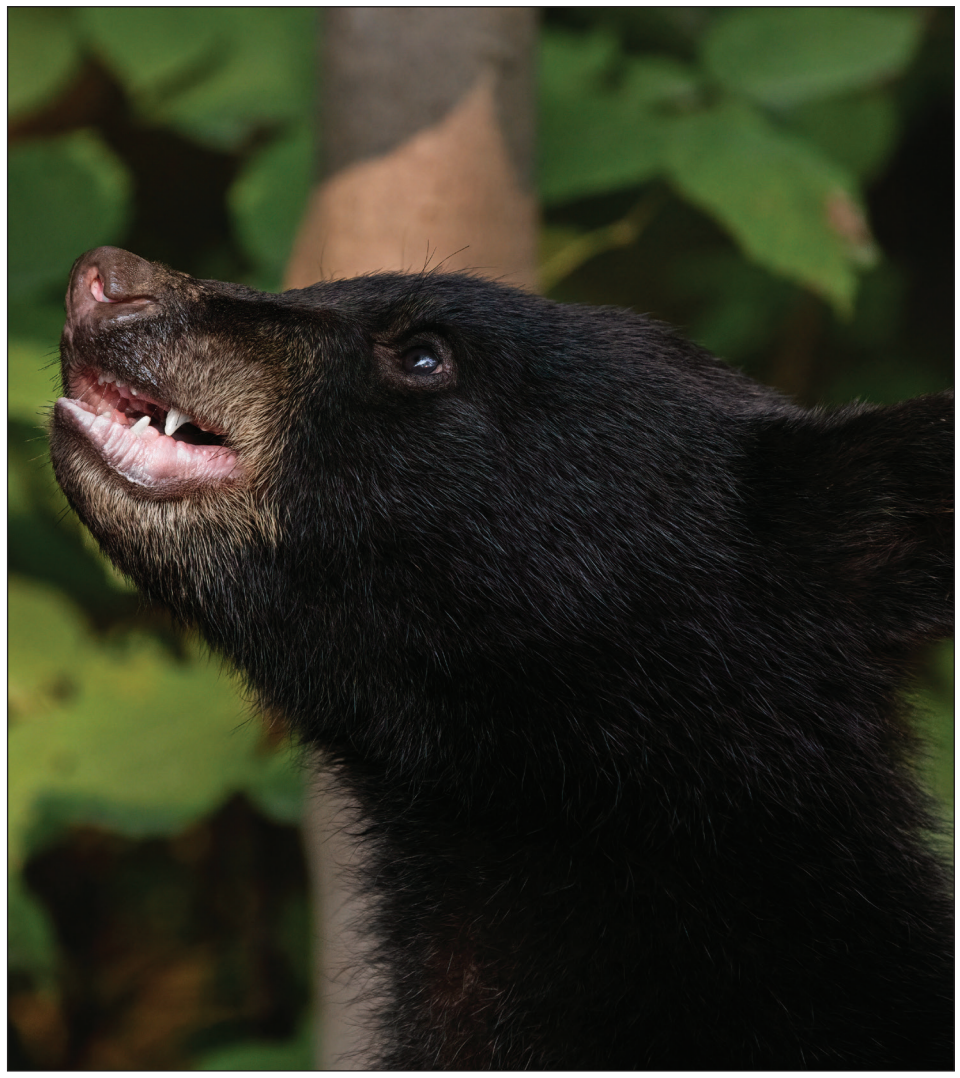
Submitted by Lavdeep Jallandhra



Submitted by Tammy Nash

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Cornhole 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Coffee and conversation 9 to 10:30 am. Ladies Darts at 7:30 pm..
Wednesday: Coffee and conversation 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mixed darts Starts at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (members) at 7:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday every month
Friday: Exercise for adult 10 a.m. (no equipment needed). BBQ 5 to 7 p.m. (Oct. 11 is the last one until spring
Bingo 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 5) Weekly dinner specials available
Saturday: Meat draw to start at 5 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd Sunday every month at 2 p.m.

Upcoming Special events:
Saturday, Nov. 9
Craft sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Annual turkey dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
For all information of our events, please check out our Facebook page Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

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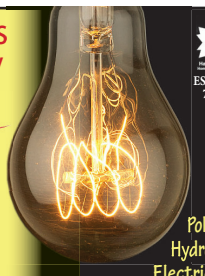

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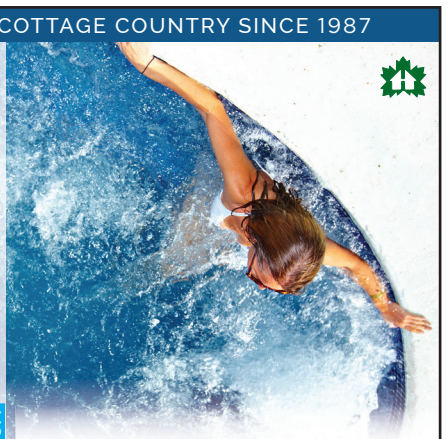

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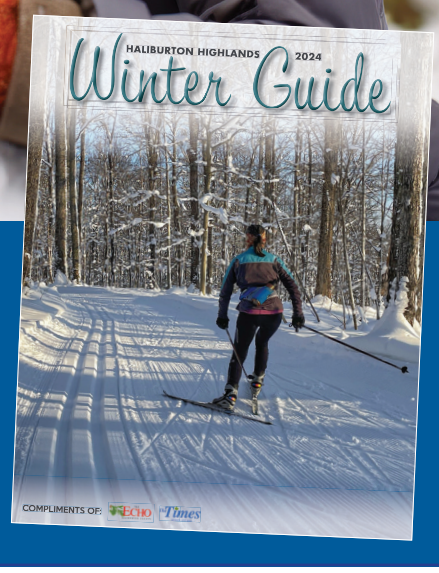

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Sunday, October 13th

11am - 1pm

Maple Lake

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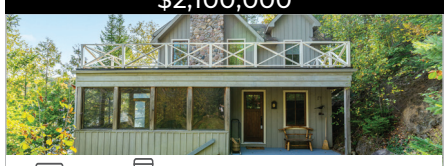

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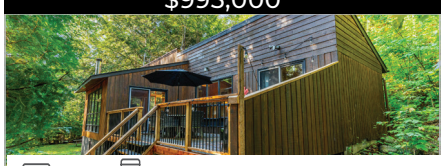

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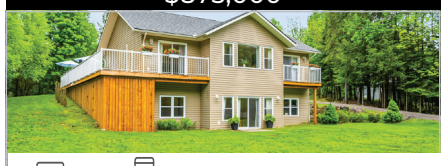

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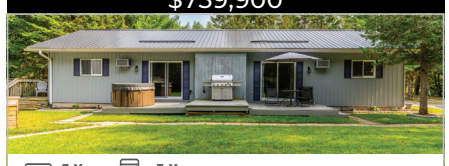

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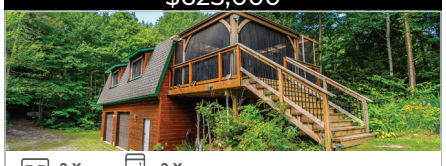

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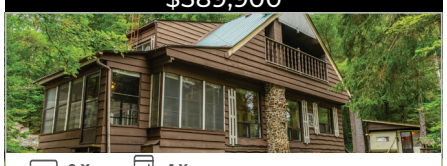

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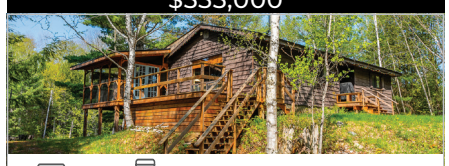

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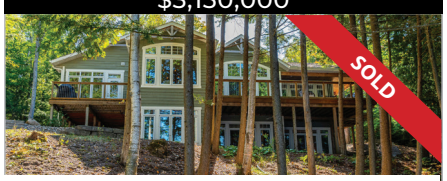

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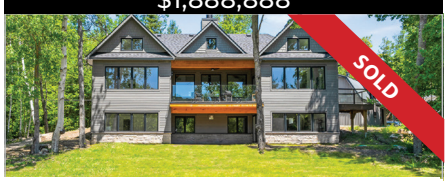

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School board's Terry Fox Runs and cross-country meet get students on the trails

WALK THIS WAY
Meet for coffee at the docks at eight on Wednesday morning and walk to school

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Hunter Lumber vows to rebuild after fire

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Somewhere around 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Jeff Hunter arrived for work at his family's sawmill – M.W. Hunter Lumber in Gooderham – only to discover that it wasn't going to be just another day.

As he pulled within 100 metres of the main building, Hunter's eyes suddenly took notice of flashing lights, fire trucks, and workers hustling about in high-visibility vests. At that moment he quickly realized that, while he and his family were sleeping through the night, their lumber business, and the single largest employer in town, was literally going up in smoke.

"It was quite a shock. I mean, you drive to work every morning, and then all of the sudden there are fire trucks and people running all over the yard… It just takes the breath away from you, and you really don't know what to expect," he says.

Fire crews were first called on scene shortly before 5 a.m., so by the time Hunter arrived the worst had already been dealt with by responding fire fighters, some of whom hold day jobs at the same place they were extinguishing. The sight of their workplace gutted by flames was enough to bring some of the mill's employees to tears, which is a strong testament to the kind of workplace it was, and will be again one day, Hunter says.

See **Fire** *page 18*

Stéphane Dion leads votes in local riding

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Stéphane Dion may have come a distant third in the hearts of most Ontario Liberals in the weekend's leadership vote, but in this riding he topped the polls as the best person to lead the Liberals into the next election.

In a complicated voting process, members of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Brock Liberal riding association decided to send six Dion delegates to the leadership convention in Montreal this December.

Four other riding delegates will be voting for national frontrunner Michael Ignatieff, two will cast their votes for Gerard Kennedy and two are backing Bob Rae.

The breakdown is based on whom local riding members voted for to be their delegate.

The riding also gets two ex-officio delegates who haven't formally announced whom they're backing. One of them is Greg Walling, the riding's Liberal candidate in the last election and the likely candidate in the next one.

"For an Ontario riding that has been so far to the right it would surprise people that Stéphane Dion did so well," Walling said Monday. "I think

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Focus on art

Pamela Nelson of Toronto checks out Susan Watson Ellis' jewellery while Todd Jeffrey Ellis does some metal work. "The chain mail caught my eye," Nelson said. "It's weird. It's heavy. I'm too impatient (to make it). I'd give up after three rows and give up." More coverage of the Studio Tour is on pages 22 and 23.

Highlands East election off to hot start

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If last Saturday's Highland East candidates' meeting was any indication of things to come, the lead-up to the November election could be chock full of heated debates, threatening innuendos, and lofty promises for change in all levels of the municipality.

Less than 24 hours after the list of nominees was finalized, residents of Highlands East were given their first chance to lob questions at candidates running in the November municipal election. Reeve candidate Dave Burton sat alongside Ward 4 candidates Gary Stoughton and Janis Cole at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce in the first of five candidates meetings to be held throughout the municipality.

Dozens of local residents were on hand with questions and concerns about everything from taxes, government accountability, and the municipality's five-year action plan.

In his opening remarks, Burton, a former councillor in Oro-Medonte township, jumped straight to his reasons for running for the top job in Highlands East. In particular, he cited a growing sense of disillusionment in municipal politics as his primary source of motivation.

"Our family has enjoyed the Highlands East area for four generations, and since moving here about 10 years ago and semi-retiring, I have seen an increasing number of people with issues who don't feel they've been heard or represented by their elected municipal

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